The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University invites you to attend a Workshop presentation by

DR. MICHEL DESPLAND (MSRC)

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who will speak on

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PROF. MICHEL DESPLAND (Th.D. (Harvard), *MSRC*) has worked recently on the history of the history of religions, namely the scholarly focus (17th-20th centuries) on what was called non-Christian religions and on the impact these writings had on historical scholarship about Christianity. His interest in World War I arose in the context of his research on a tendency in France (1530-1918) for writers to polarize between those who glorify sacrifices and the spirit of sacrifice and those who reject such glorification. Author, editor, and co-editor of some 13 books, Prof. Despland's publications include *Reading an erased code : romantic religion and literary aesthetics in France* (University of Toronto, 1994) and *Comparatisme et christianisme : questions d'histoire et de méthode* (Harmattan, 2002).